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PECK'S BAD BOY AND HIS PA.

The Old Man Complains that it is too Quiet Since the Boy Became Good, so the Boy and His Chum Makes it Interesting for

Him.

Peck's Sun. "Come in the back room, Hennery, I want to talk with you," said the groceryman to the bad boy, as he came in laughing and slapping his leg. "I have heard something to-day that has hurt me as much as thought you was my own boy," and the groceryman looked as thought in wouldn't take many good sized onons to make the tears come.

"Great jewhillikens, what is it," asked the bad boy, as his face sobered at the look of pain on the face of his mercantile friend. What is the matter? Won't your creditors accept ten cents on a dollar?" and the boy looked like a lawyer, ready to help a client out, and reached into a cinnamon bag and took out a handful of cinnamon.

"No nothing of that kind," said the groceryman. "I have concluded not to fail. But I am told on good authority that you have become bad again, and that you have been playing the meanest trick on your pa that you ever played. The minister told me he was coming in from a country funeral the other day, and he overtook your pa on the road with a gun and asked him to get in and ride, and your pa's pants were all torn, his boots and gun full of snow, and he was so seared that he kept looking around all the way to town expecting to be shot in the back. Now what kind of a way is that to treat the author of your being? Say, you will have a though ticket to the bad place, and your train will leave on schedule time, and arrive at the grand central depot in hades, just as the fire is kindled. You bad, bad, boy. I have been proud of you, and thought you would come out 'all right, but now I know you are a

hypocrite." tra sadness," said the boy, as he quartered an orange. "Pa is all right. He wanted us to stir him up. You see, since I have been good, pa has been neglected, and he has 1ecome sour, and his clothes don't fit, He told ma that what he wanted was excitement, and he had got to have it. He said when the boys were playing things on him, and making though a house was going to fall on him every minute, he enjoyed himself, had a good appetite, and felt equal to any emergency, but since the boys had become good, and let him alone, his life was a burden, he had failed in business, and every thing went wrong, and unless there was a change soon, he would lose hi mind. He said he sighed for the old times, when he didn't know whether he was afoot or horseback, and when something was hable to happen every minute. He said he was brought up to be surprised, and full through holes, and to have everything stop, and to lead a quiet life, and just eat, drink, and sleep, with no cyclones, no happy laughter of children raising the deuce, was more than he could bear. Ma told me about it, and the state of mind pa was in and I felt sorry for pa. Ma told me to try and think up something that would sort of wake up pa, or he would relapse into a state of melancholic, and have to hire a doctor. I told my chum about pa's case, and he said it is too bad to see a man suffer that way, and we must do something to save his life. So we agreed to take pa out rabbit hunting. I asked pa if he didn't want to go with us, and he jumped right up and velled, and said it would tickle him half to death to go. I told him where there was a place about four miles out of town, where there was dead loads of rabbits, but the man that owned the farm drove everybody off. Pa said there couldn't no man drive him off, and for us to come on. Well, you'd a dide. Pa wasn't afraid of anybody, until the man hollered to him to git. You see, we went out to the farm, and stationed pa by the fence, and my chum and me went on the other side of a piece of woods, to scare rabbits toward pa. Then we went up to the farm house, where a man lived that we know, and told him we wanted to scare a man out of his boots, and he see?" said all right go ahead. So we borrowed some farmer's clothes, and old plug hats, and went around behind the barn and yelled to pa to get off that farm. Pa said for us to go to the bad place. He said he came out

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when we pulled up our guns and fired both barrels at him. We had blank cartridges, but pa thought he a distinguished literary lady to a learned felt shot striking him everywhere, Judge on the eve of his marriage: and fired just as pa got on the fence and he yelied murder. You know hang on. Well, pa got caught by the kept firing, and he dropped his gun in the snow and tried to tear the your marriage, bank, and my chum kept shooting. is the thread of life. chum said, 'Great hevings, you have make it too blue,

with four rubbits, and we told pa he the poet : was a pretty habbit hunter to leave before the habbits got to running, and we looked all around for him. He looked surprised, asked us if we fired blank cartridges at him as he are in question, was trying to get over the fence, and Thus every stitch of life made right he tried to laugh, but he couldn't, and set in the right place-none either He was inclined to be mad at first, loo large or too small, too light or too but finally he said this was more like loose; may you keep on your smooth business, and he hadn't felt as well and even course, making existence one pies was discontinued.-New York before since we initiated him into fair and consistent piece, until together Times, the Masons, and we could play any. having passed the heel you may come thing on him, and do anything we to the very toe of life, and here in the

"Oh, yes, that is all right if your you, like these stockings—the final stitch pa likes that kind of fun, but if you was_my boy I would maul you till -go together from the place where you to hunt rabbits and by gosh he was the groceryman went out the back out the front door whistling, "Be o toe. sure and call me early, for I'm to be queen of the May."

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and he was going to argue with us, THE MORAL OF A PAIR OF STOCK-

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fence, and we loaded our guns again receive a present of a pair of stockings that a distillery was in full operation

Pa finally got off the fence and bur- In these, however, the white is made Imitations were made of silver coins rowed in a snow bank, and held up a to predominate, expressing my desire which would readily deceive unless piece of his shirt which the fence and confidence that thus it will be with closely examined. Molds were made tore off, for a flag of truce, and we the color of your existence. No black of plaster of paris, and the 10, 25 and 50 quit, and he stuck up his head and is used, for I believe you will be wholly cent pieces were plated in the saddlery aw me laying there on the snow, and free from the black passions of wrath hardware shop. The convicts were well pa thought his gun had gone off and and jealousy. The darkest color here is supplied with this bogus money, and a killed one of the farmers, and my blue, which is excellent when we do not great deal of it found its way into circu-

killed him.' At that pa grabbed his Other appropriate thoughts rise in my gan and run for the road, and started mind regarding these stockings. The for town, and that's where the minis- most indifferent subjects, when viewed ter overtook him. Along toward by the mind in a suitable frame, may night me and my chum came home furnish instructive influence, as saith

The bellows that have leathern in The firewood, ashes and smoke,

Do all to righteouspess provok But to the subject. You will perceive struck any corpses around on that that the top of these things (by which I farm, and F thought I should bust, suppose courtship to be represented) are We told him we didn't see any, and seamed, and by no means of seaming then he told us that he was standing are drawn into a snarl, but after comes a there waiting for rabbits when a gang continues so till the final toeing off. By of about fifteen roughs came and ordered him away, and he refused to go. He said they opened fire on him, seeming and have come to plain reality. and he threw himself into a hollow Again, as the whole of these comely square, the way they used to do in stockings was not made at once, but the army, threw up intrenchments of by the addition of one little stitch after snow, and defended himself, and another, put in with skill and discretion, antil the whole presents the fair and had to retreat, he saw the ground squal piece of work which you see, so covered with dead and wounded, and life does not consist of one great action, he expected he had wiped out an en- but millions of little ones combined; tire neighborhood. He said it was and so it may be with our lives-no singular we didn't see any corpses. stitch dropped when duties are to be viots send out for raw steaks, which I asked him how he tore his pants, performed, no widening made when bad they broil at the forges and in the furand he said the gang shot them all to principles are to be removed or economy pieces. Then we told him the joke is to be preserved, neither seaming nor we had played on him, and how we parrowing where truth and generosity

chose, excepting to let him alone. So anal narrowing off and dropping off the you see I am not so bad as you think, soil of this emblmeatic pair of companions Pa enjoys it, and so does my chum and comforting associates, nothing ap-

was my boy I would maul you till were formed to a happier state of exis-you couldn't stand. Just then a big tence, a present from earth to heaven. cannon fire-cracker that the boy had Hoping that these stockings and adlit and laid on the floor exploded and manitious may meet a civil reception, I remain in the true-blue frendship, seemdoor bareheaded while the boy went ngly without seaming, yours from top

> TRUE good is like the glow-worm, it shines most when no eyes save those of ner. Heaven are upon it,-Fuller.

The prevalence of drunkenness in the

State prison at Auburn puzzled the offlcers for a long time. It was at first supposed that whisky was brought in by and he started for a barbed wire DEAR COUSIN: Herewith you will some one, but finally it was discovered knit by my own hands; and be assured, within the walls of the institution. An dear coz, that my friendship for you is enterprising convict had rigged a "worm" those barbed wire fences, don't you?

The barbs eatch on your pants and have on. Well as you cannot be the second of the second But I consider the present as pecul. ever drank very much of it. The man pants and couldn't get over, and we larly appropriate on the occasion of did a thriving business, and when he was discovered he was making money at You will remark, in the first place, a rapid rate. "Beer," as it is called, is fence down, and he kept yelling, "For that there are two individuals united in made even at this day. The beverage is tiod's sake, gentlemen, spare my life one pair, who are to walk side by side, a brewing of bread crust and yeast and I don't want any of your rabbits." I guarding against coldness, and giving is exhibitanting, if nothing more. The got to laughing so I couldn.t comfort as long as they last. The thread shoot, and I laid down in a snow of their texture is mixed; and so, alsa, the prisoners. At one time counterfeiting was actually carried on in the prison. lation outside. The men are not allowed to carry

watches, but a great many of them do, notwithstanding the rule to the contrary. Usually the watches are kept in leather bags which are suspended by a string about the neck underneath the clothing. A good many of the prisoners read the newspapers regularly. How they obtain them is a mystery. The New York dailies reach Auburn at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and often they will get into the hands of the convicts the same evening. Of course, each prisoner is not supplied with a paper. One paper will do for a dozen men or more. The newspapers must be brought in by officers who are a little lax in discipline. It is supposed that all letters written by convicts pass through the hands of the chaplain, whose duty it is to see that they contain no mischievous or improper language. Half of the men in the prison send and receive letters that the chaplain never sees. These "go through the underground," as the officers say. Generally they are taken in and out by citizen foremen, whose sympathies the men enlist. Some of the connaces. Others prefer cake and pie, for which they will spend every cent they can procure. Joe Coburn used to have two large mince pies sent to him regularly twice a week from New York. Finally the agent told Joe that he would be compelled to deny him his toothsome pastry, and the semi-weekly shipment of

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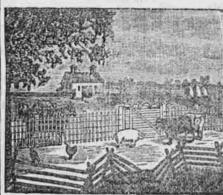
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